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**City of Nogales Receives  
WIFA Technical Assistance Grant**

PHOENIX (July 28, 2003) Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens today announced the Board's approval of a \$35,000 technical assistance grant to the City of Nogales.

The city will use the funds to analyze wastewater flow rates from Nogales, Ariz., to Nogales, Mexico, and develop a user charge system for the proposed international wastewater treatment facility.

After much discussion and negotiation during the last several years, officials determined that Nogales will serve as the site of new wastewater treatment facilities intended to treat wastewater from Nogales AZ and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

"This grant will help sustain the momentum on one of Arizona's highest priority infrastructure projects," said Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "The international wastewater treatment facility is critical to improving water quality on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border in southern Arizona."

**Background**

WIFA is an independent state agency that administers the Clean Water Revolving Fund for wastewater and water reclamation construction projects. It also administers the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for drinking water construction projects.

Both funds get their money from federal and state sources. Interest rates are typically below market rates.

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